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Dear Ms. Wilson:

In December 2010, Idaho Power Company submitted a petition to the Environmental Quality Commission, the policy and rulemaking board for Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Idaho Power Company requested in the petition that ODEQ initiate rulemaking to create site-specific temperature criteria for fall Chinook salmon spawning in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River.

On February 17, 2011 EQC denied the petition for rulemaking. ODEQ staff was directed, however, to consider the proposed site specific criteria during the next water quality standards (triennial) review and rulemaking. ODEQ currently has several water quality standards rulemakings underway and will establish a schedule for its next triennial review upon completion of those rulemakings in 2012.

Sincerely,

Eric Nigg,
Manager, Eastern Region Water Quality

